

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Kenneth J. Boute, a citizen of the United States residing at 225 Kings Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503, and Ban D. Green, a citizen of the United States residing at 402 Interlude Road, New Iberia, Louisiana 70563, hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names;

We believe that we are the original, first, and sole inventor of the design "Method for Handling and Disposing of Drill Cuttings", which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby declare that all statements made hereby of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And we hereby appoint:

William W. Stagg, Reg. No. 31,225

of the firm of Durio, McGoffin & Stagg, Professional Corporation, our attorney with full

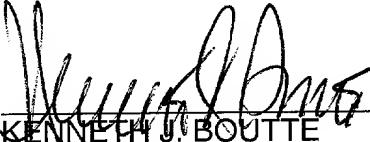
power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

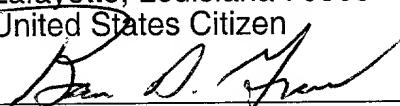
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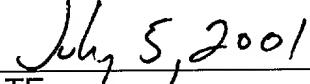
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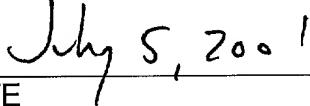
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**STATEMENT OF STATUS OF SMALL ENTITY**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly commissioned, qualified and sworn within and for the State and Parish aforesaid, personally came and appeared Kenneth J. Boutte and Ban D. Green, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposed and said:

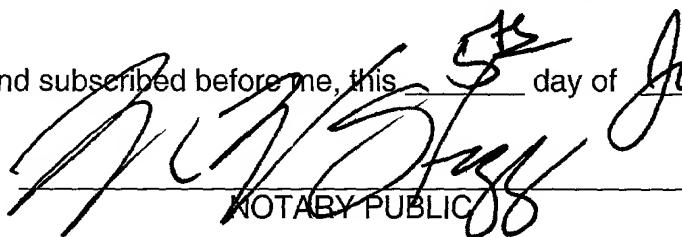
1. That Kenneth Boutte resides at 225 Kings Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503, and that he is a citizen of the United States.
2. That Ban D. Green resides at 402 Interlude Road, New Iberia, Louisiana 70563.
3. That they are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Method for Handling and Disposing of Drill Cuttings";
4. That they qualify as independent inventors in accordance with 37 CFR 1.9(c) of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases and has not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and is under no obligation under contractual law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who cannot likewise be classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or a non-profit organization as set forth in the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases.
5. That they acknowledged the duty to file, in this application for patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status

prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 CFR 1.28(b)]

5. That they declare that all statements made herein of their knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

  
KENNETH J. BOUTTE  
  
BAN D. GREEN

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.

  
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